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### REMARKS

Applicants have canceled Claims 4 and 5 without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter contained therein. Applicants maintain that the cancellation of a claim makes no admission as to its patentability and reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claim in this or any other patent application.

Claim 17 is amended to depend from Claim 6. No new matter was added by the amendment. Applicants request entry of the amendment on the basis that the amendment cancels claims and presents the pending rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.116(b)(1) and (2).

### CONCLUSION

Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if any issues might be resolved by telephone.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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